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LOCAL NOTICES.

Ode to a Cigar.

Of all the means to mortals given,
To cheer this weary life,
And lift the soul by tempests driven,
Above all storms and strife,
And fill a peaceful calm,
Free from all earthly jar,
There's nothing like the soothing balm
That flows from a good cigar.

When business brings its load of care,
And weighs the spirit down
With tenfold more than it can bear,
And fortune wears a frown,
When worn and weary, and distressed,
And every aid afar,
What unalloyed, refreshing rest
Is found in a good cigar.

When blindly drives the little bark,
Mid life's wild turmoil tossed;
When night still thickens black and dark,
Both chart and compass lost;
When 'mid the gloom, from pole to pole,
Is seen no guiding star,
How sweetly dawns upon the soul
The light of a good cigar.

When all his fondest hopes prove vain,
And trusted friends untrue;
When Slander, with her hateful train,
His haunted steps pursue,
And threaten with polluting hands
His dearest joys to mar,
How calm and self-sustained he stands
Who has a good cigar.

Though troubles falling thick and fast
As leaves from autumn trees,
When shaken by the angry blast,
On every side he sees;
How softly, to dispel all harm,
And every ill defeat,
Floats round him like a magic charm
The smoke of a good cigar.

Those who wish to test the truth of the assertions made above should not fail to call on our friend J. Megraw, No. 5 Ninth street (formerly Hand). He has the finest brands of cigars, domestic and imported, and also the best qualities of chewing and smoking tobacco. He is now receiving the largest stock of cigars ever brought to this city. His assortment of pipes, tobacco boxes and pouches is large. We commend him to all lovers of the weed.

Late and Choice Books for Summer Reading, Received and for Sale by Jno. W. Pittock, Opposite the P. O.

Oldtown Folks, by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe; Elheiyn's Mistake, a new romance by Mrs. Holmes; Black Forest Tales, by Berthold Auerbach; Men, Women and Ghosts, a new book, by Miss Phelps; The Gates Wide Open, a Companion to Gates Ajar; Adventures in the Adirondacks, by Murray; Realities of Irish Life, Handy vol. series, by French; Sea and Night, or the Man Who Laughs, &c., by Victor Hugo; Little Prudence, a story for girls, two vols.; Miss Alcott; Wonders of Heat, third vol. of Library of Wonders; Elsie's Butterfly, by author of Guy Livingstone; Edelwiers, a tale by Berthold Auerbach; Changed Brides, a new novel by Mrs. Southworth; Cloud on the Heart, a new tale by A. S. Roe; The Sexes Here and Hereafter, by Swedenborg; Ah, by Holcombe; Pommy Fry, and What he Did for Science, a book for boys; Doctor Jacob Handy, vol. series, by Edwards; The Wife's Messenger, a new story by Mrs. Norton; Warwick, or the Lost Nationalities, by Val Warwick; Hill to Hill, a new novel by J. Esten Cooke; Happy Thoughts, a fine story, by Budward.

Decorate

Your head with one of those elegant Panama Hats at Ramsley's Hat Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Gentlemen

Getting their summer outfits cannot be better suited than at Putnam & Adams's great Depot for Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, 72 Fifth avenue, opposite P. O.

Ladies

Those Pearl Beaver Hats at Ramsley's Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue,

Trusses, Trusses.

"Seeley's Hard Rubber Truss" radically cures Rupture. Never rusts, breaks nor soils. Used less than a Common Truss. Safety and durability combined. B. L. Fahnestock & Co., Agents. Sold by all Druggists. MWS

Plum Pudding.

Straw Hats at Ramsley's Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Linen and Jean Drawers

Of very best make and quality, at Putnam & Adams's Gent's Furnishing Depot, 72 Fifth avenue, opposite P. O.

Grand Reception

Of new goods this day at Ramsley's Hat Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

The Success

Of HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT may be justly termed brilliant. Its scientific basis as a Tonic Beverage is vouched for by the best medical men, and by thousands who have proved its virtues, and its invaluability as a remedy for disorders of the throat, chest, lungs and stomach, has been thoroughly tested in innumerable cases. MWS

Capt. Jinks.

Straw Hats at Ramsley's Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue,

Pure White Lead and Oils

Can be purchased cheaper at McClarran & McKennan's Drug Store, than at any other place in the city. Remember the place, No. 80 Market street, corner Diamond, near Fifth avenue. tf

Beat

Five dollar Silk Hat in the city, at the Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Gentlemen

Will do well to examine the Summer Underwear at Putnam & Adams's Gent's Furnishing House, 72 Fifth avenue, before purchasing elsewhere.

Cool.

Those Cucumber Hats, at Ramsley's Hat Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

For Sale or Rent.

A new, double House, with over two acres of ground, at Homewood. Apply to R. D. Thompson, Commercial office.

The "Club" Hats,

All colors, at Ramsley's Hat Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Notice.

A large stock of White Lead, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Varnishes of all kinds, Colors of every description, dry and ground in oil, Paint Brushes, Varnish Brushes, &c. The White Lead is strictly pure, more durable, warranted to cover more surface, and will be sold at such prices as will defy successful competition, at Joseph Fleming's, 84 Market street, corner of the Diamond.

Panama Hats

From one to ten dollars, at the Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Large Stock

Of Men's Half Hose at low prices, at Putnam & Adams, 72 Fifth avenue.

Silk Hats,

Spring and Summer Styles, for five dollars, at the Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

White

Duck Hats and Caps at the Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue

Dutcher's Dead Shot

For Bed-Bugs.
Dutcher's Lightning Fly Killer.
Sold by Druggists everywhere.

To Arrive

At 2 P. M. to-day, another lot of those Brown Rough and Ready Straw Hats, at the Hat Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Country Merchants

Will save money by purchasing their drugs and medicines at McClarran & McKennan's Drug Store, 80 Market street, corner Diamond, near Fifth avenue. tf

By Express

To-day, more new styles in Hats and Caps for Ramsley's Parlor, 22 Fifth avenue.

Look at Our Prices.

New Hair Switches, all colors, 15c.
Fine Linen Fans, 15c., 4c.
Fine Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, 38 to 60c.
Fine Valenc. Lace Handkerchiefs, 50 to 69c.
Real Crochet Lace Collars, 25c.
Silk Grenadine Veils, 25c.
Fine Embroidered Corsets $2 50, worth $5.
White Goods of all kinds; also, Nottingham Lace Curtains, cheapest in the city, at I. Rosenbaum & Co.'s Philadelphia Emporium, 76 Market street. TWFS

Ramsley's Hat Parlor

Open from 7 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Gorham Manufacturing Company.

Trade Mark for Sterling.	Trade Mark for Electro-Plate.

Gorham Manufacturing Company,
Providence, R. I.
STERLING SILVER WARE,
and
NICKEL SILVER PLATED WARE.
Orders received from the trade only, but these goods may be obtained from responsible dealers every where.

The Daily Commercial.

IF Virginia ratifies the Constitution now before her people, the State will have eight Congressional Districts, besides one Congressman at large, a Senate of forty, and a House of one hundred and thirty-nine members.

THE Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature having in charge the liquor bill, have declared in favor of exempting from prohibition nothing but cider, a sore defeat to the lager beer interest, which counted confidently on having that beverage also exempted.

OF the $274,000,000 exported by the whole country for the fiscal year 1867-'68, $247,000,000 or 66 per cent. was sent from New York. About two-thirds of the imports during the same time were from that port. During the ten months of the current fiscal year these amounted to $249,000,000, and $264,000,000 at all ports.

IN Hayti, provisions are being sold at the most fabulous rates—a barrel of flour being valued at $5,000 (Haytien paper currency,) and a barrel of pork at $14,000. Gold, in a few days, rose in value from $60 to $1,200 for the American dollar, and now it reaches $1,500. The people are positively starving, and merchants will only sell for coffee or specie.

A SPECIAL committee of the Massachusetts Legislature have been making an excursion from Boston to Binghamton, all rail, with a view to the importance of this newly opened route. A glance at the map will show the importance of continuing the line to the head waters of the Ohio, the great mineral regions of Pennsylvania, more especially the "Birmingham of America."

FIRST EDITION.

12 O'CLOCK, M.

WASHINGTON.

REDUCTION OF PUBLIC DEBT.

California Branch of Pacific Railroad—The Belgian Mission—Steamboat Inspector—Ohio Appointments—The Indian Commission.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28, 1869.

Reduction.

It is now believed at the Treasury Department that the public debt will bereduced fourteen millions during the present month.

Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Chittenden, attorney for the California Branch of the Pacific Railroad, to-day deposited four millions four hundred thousand dollars of the first mortgage bonds of that road in the Treasury as a guarantee that the road will be finished according to law. He also asks in view of this deposit that subsidy bonds not yet issued, amounting to three million three hundred and sixty-one thousand dollars, may be turned over to the company.

The Belgian Mission.

It is believed at the State Department that the resignation of Minister Sanford will be received in a few days.

Dinner Declined.

The first communication which Minister Motley received from England was a cable dispatch shortly after his confirmation from Lord Houghton, inviting him to attend the annual press dinner at London, June 5th. Mr. Motley promptly declined.

Decoration.

An immense collection of flowers and evergreens has been made for the ceremony at Arlington to-morrow, and the day will be entirely given up to the decoration. All the officials of the Government in the city, of any prominence, are expected to be present. The weather, however, this evening is far from promising.

Inspector of Fourth District.

The case of Alfred Sanford, of St. Louis, for Supervising Inspector of Steamboats of the Fourth District, was finally decided to-day. It appears that through some informality in the first commission, the present incumbent refused to give up the office, when Sanford was ordered by the Treasury Department to return the commission for correction. He took charge, however, before this was done, and was then ordered to transfer matters again to Mr. Taylor, and acted on his papers. Upon Sandford's arrival here he finds all his papers made out and signed, but the bond he brought with him proves to be irregular. To correct this he is obliged to return to St. Louis, and leave to-night with the understanding at the Treasury and White House that upon the return of the corrected bond he shall enter at once on the duties of his office.

Cincinnati Appointments.

Thomas F. Shaw, Assessor of the Second Ohio District, has to-day received commissions for the following appointments under him: Assistant Assessors—First District, Edward C. Boyce; Second, Caleb T. Linge; Third, John C. Kreigen; Fourth, James W. Wilson; Fifth, Albert F. Shaw; Sixth, John F. Wessler; Seventh, George W. Lishaun; Eighth, Edward W. Goble; Ninth, Wm. H. Schlater; Tenth B. P. Dorn; Eleventh, James Dolahan. At large, Geo. John Worsley; special in charge of income to successions, Richard Wilson. Mr. Shaw has appointed the following gaugers—Geo. W. Harland, Frank A. Batchelder, Hiram Morrill, John W. Hargy, Wm. W. Roberts, Morgan M. Shaw, James Naughter.

The Indian Commission.

The Indian Commission has adjourned. All the members were present at the sittings, except Mr. Dodge of New York, and Tobey of Boston, who were detained by sickness. After a full organization the Commission called on the President with Secretary Cox, and told him they were ready to co-operate with him in all his plans for putting Indian affairs upon a better basis. The President replied that he would act with them cordially, listen to all their recommendations and give due weight to such recommendations as they might make of changes in the present methods of dealing with Indians. He said he would give them a letter to all agencies, and direct that every facility should be afforded them for ascertaining the workings of the present system, and that army officers and those acting as agents would give them trade portations and aid them in every way for the purposes of visitation. The Indian country was divided into three divisions, The Northern, embracing the country upon the Upper Missouri, including Indian territory north of Kansas, and those of Minnesota and Wisconsin; the Southern all territory south of Kansas. The Northern Division is assigned to Messrs. Welsh, Farwell and Toby. The western to Messrs. Campbell, Stuart and Lane, and the Southern to Messrs. Brunot, Bronson and Dodge. Each one of these divisions will be inspected by some of the gentlemen named, and a meeting will be held here previous to the assembling of Congress to report the results of their observations and prepare a formal report to be laid before the President and Congress. No recommendations were made to the President at this meeting, as it was agreed to leave all questions till the Commissioner had visited the West. All leading subjects connected with Indian affairs were discussed at length, though no formal decision was made regarding any. In the matter of treaties, the Commission was unanimous in the opinion that great abuses had grown up with the present system, and they were about unanimous that the best interests of the Indians and the country demanded that no more treaties should be made. It was the general opinion that the very first step in advance would be to gather all the tribes upon reservations, with the faith of the nation pledged to their protection there, and to their permanency in possession. The matter of citizenship was discussed, but as the question involved the construction of the Fourteenth Amendment and other grave political questions, especially that of the status of the Chinese, the Commission thought best to take no action. Some of the members look forward to the formation at some distant day of two or three Indian Territories as a final solution of the problem, with a regular political organization and representation.

WASHINGTON, May 28, 1869.

AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION IN GEORGIA.

The President to-day issued an order placing the Georgia Agricultural Society in possession of a building erected at Macon, Georgia, by the Confederate Government, as an arsenal, for holding a State Agricultural Exposition next summer.

A FAVORABLE FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

The receipts at the Treasury from customs and internal revenue sources have been favorable for the present month, so far, and will make the reduction of the national debt even greater than already stated. The duties on imports to the 27th instant amounted to about $13,000,00, while those from internal revenue are near $17,000,000, and will be heavier by the end of the month. The disbursements for the month are estimated at about $20,000,000, so the decrease will probably reach $10,000,000 or $12,000,000.

WOOSTER, OHIO.

Firemen's State Convention—Heavy Storm.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
WOOSTER, O., May 28, 1869.

In accordance with previous notice, the firemen of the various cities and towns of the State met in Arcadome Hall yesterday, and organized with S. T. A. Vanscriver, of Norwalk, in the chair. There was a large number of delegates present, and the Convention was very harmonious. There was considerable business, transacted, prominent among which were resolutions petitioning the State Legislature, inducing them to pass a bill exempting firemen from road, jury and military service within the limits of the State. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President—S. T. A. Vanscriver, of Norwalk; Vice President—Robert M. B. Bushnell, of Mansfield; Secretary—R. B. Dunning, of Wooster; Assistant Secretary—L. M. Wagner, of Mansfield; Treasurer—George Soller, of Weband; Trustees—J. M. Pall, of Newark, J. L. Gray, of Wooster, W. M. Campbell, of New Philadelphia. The third Thursday in May, 1870, was selected as the time, and Crestline the place of holding the next Convention. The Convention decided that a State tournament shall be held in Wooster on the 9th day of September next.

Very heavy rains for the past two days have raised the streams in this vicinity, and the East and West banks are full. Damage slight so far as heard.

SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

Grand Army of the Republic—Death of a Poet.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
SPRINGFIELD, O., May 28, 1869.

General J. Warren Keifer, commander of the Department of Ohio, of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued from his headquarters in this city, an order to-day, assigning Rev. G. W. Collier, Assistant Inspector of this Department, to active duty. He is to especially devote himself to the work of raising funds, and providing means for the establishment and maintenance of one or more Soldiers' Orphans' Homes in Ohio. All of the expenses of the Inspector are to be paid by the several Posts, and no contributions will go to the payment of salaries.

James Pernell Williamson, the poet, died suddenly in this city yesterday.

Ohio River at Ironton.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
IRONTON, O., May 28, 1869.

Boats passed down to-day: Fleetwood at 7 P. M. Passed up: Ohio No. 4 at 12 M.; Annie Laurie at 6 P. M. River failing slowly; weather very warm. H.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

An Interesting Bit of Literature—Letter from the Messrs. Laird Concerning the Building of the Alabama—No Concealment as to the Purpose and Destination of the Vessel—More Troops Sent to Cuba—Isabella Declines to Abdicate—Napoleon's Reception of Minister Washburne, &c., &c.

Letter from the Messrs. Laird.

LONDON, May 27—The letter of the Messrs. Laird claims that the building of the Alabama was done in the way of business and free of concealment. It was known to the Government and public, and with the knowledge of the American Minister. The vessel was meant for war purposes, and intended for the use of the Confederate Government. It was notorious that no haste or secrecy was observed in any of the operations. Had there been anything illegal in the building or fitting out of the ship, ample time and opportunity existed for the Government to seize her, and the officers of the Custom House were informed on the 21st of July that she was ready for sea and might leave at any hour she pleased. No attempt was made to detain her, though Passmore and others made affidavits that men were enlisted to serve on her. They take the ground that the contract entered into for the building of the ship was not at variance with the laws of England, the opinion of the English people or practice of foreign nations. They quote written opinions of Mellish, Q. C., Mr. Kemplay and Sir Hardinge Giffard, of February, 1863, which they allege support their position, and go to show that the Alabama left Birkenhead unarmed, and went to the Azores, to which place men and arms were sent from other ports.

The Standard says of Laird's letter that it is a clear charge of negligence against the Government. But whatever England's offense may have been, it is outdone one hundred fold by the willful and wanton offenses of the United States against England, and any settlement will leave a heavy balance against the States. England's obligations were broken for the North as well as the South. The Americans were equally guilty of a breach of international obligations in the case of the Caroline, and in the case of the Fenian drillings and organizations.

The *Star* thinks Laird's letter aggravates the action of the British Government, besides the obligations of the Government to prevent all risk from the leaving port of the Alabama. The ship was known as destined to prey on American commerce. Further obligations are raised by the fact that the Alabama was built and pierced for guns, and to accommodate a large crew, facts reported by British Custom House officers, as also that she was really intended for war purposes. This knowledge obviously devolved upon the Government the duty of making further inquiry, and of detaining the vessel as far as possible in this case. There is good reason to suspect that the act would have gone far enough if a hearty effort had been made to stretch the point more honestly and extend its purpose to the case.

Reception of Minister Washburne.

PARIS, Evening, May 27.—Hon. E. B. Washburne, United States Minister, was received by the Emperor to-day, and made a brief address, in which he assured the Emperor of the friendship entertained by the people and government of the United States towards himself and the French nation. Napoleon, in his reply, expressed the utmost satisfaction at Mr. Washburne's cordial utterances, and hoped the friendly relations between the two countries would long be maintained. Mr. Washburne called on Prince Napoleon to-day, and met with a most cordial reception.

Election Troubles.

Election disturbances are reported at Amiens and Toulouse, but they were of a trivial nature and easily suppressed.

Increase in Specie.

The weekly statement of the financial condition of the Bank of France shows an increase of specie reserve of 700,000 francs.

A Minister Deeply Involved.

FLORENCE, May 27.—Senor Filippa, who has resigned the ministry of justice, is charged with being deeply involved in speculation in coal and wines.

Papers in the Alabama Case.

LONDON, May 27.—In the House of Commons this evening, Mr. Otway, under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question, stated the papers in the Alabama case would be laid shortly be laid upon the table.

Our Bonds at Frankfort.

LONDON, May 28.—Five-twenty bonds buying in American bonds in Frankfort is confined to the issue of 1862.

Troops for Cuba.

MADRID, May 28.—Six hundred volunteers sailed from Cadiz for Havana to-day.

Isabella declines abdicating.

Voyage Around the World.

BREST, May 28.—The iron-clad steamer Bellliqueuse, has returned to this port, after having circumnavigated the globe. She met with no accident whatever.

Demonstration at Seville.

MADRID, May 28.—A demonstration in favor of the Duke Montpensier is expected such at Seville.

Debate Closed.

The debate on the new national constitution has been closed.

Effect of the Election.

PARIS, May 28.—The official papers say the elections have extinguished old parties, and leave the liberal empire opposed by a few revolutionary candidates.

Ismael Pasha at Trieste.

TRIESTE, May 28.—Ismael Pasha, has arrived and was received with great state.

The Lord Lieutenant Bowed.

LONDON, May 28.—The *Times* this morning, in reviewing the Messrs. Lairds' letter of defense, claims that any negligence on the part of the government in permitting the Alabama to sail. The writer deplores the insufficiency of the law, and considers the precedent most mischievous. The question of liability between States for the incompleteness of the law is a doubtful one.

The *Daily News* says it will want good assurances that the new American Minister, Mr. Motley, is empowered to express the opinions of the President and Senate, and certainly of their sanction of a new treaty.

The Tories Organizing.

The Tories throughout the country are organizing meetings to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

Proceedings of Parliament.

In the House of Commons this evening, the Irish Church bill being up, Mr. Gladstone said there was no intention of abolishing the system of education in Ireland, but that such amendments might be introduced. Right Hon. Mr. Monsell, in reply to Mr. Charley, said he thought an appropriation of a loan for the Irish Universities so far, and that it would not be illegal, considering the precautions taken to render the sum available when needed.

Petition for Pardon.

The Cork Privy Council has adopted a petition for pardon of Fenian prisoners.

Disturbances in Spain.

MADRID, May 28.—Serious disturbances have occurred to-day at Malaga and Seville, directed against the Provisional Government. Details unknown.

Shipping Intelligence.

QUEENSTOWN, May 28.—The steamer Caledonia, from New York, arrived to-day.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—The steamer Germany, from Quebec, arrived to-day.

GLASGOW, May 28.—The steamship Europa arrived to-day from New York.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Evening, May 28.—Consols 93¾; 5-20s 79¾. Stocks steady; Erie 19¾; Illinois, 95¾.

London Produce Market.

LONDON, May 28.—Tallow 42s 9d. Sugar firm at 39s 9d on spot. Sperm oil 83s. Calcutta 6s. Refined petroleum is 7½d.

Antwerp Petroleum Market.

ANTWERP, May 28.—Petroleum dull at 47¾ francs.

Havre Cotton Market.

HAVRE, May 28.—Cotton 139½ francs on spot.

HAVRE, Evening, May 28.—Cotton closed at 139 francs for tres ordinaire for good ordinary 135 for low middlings afloat.

U. S. Bonds at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, May 28.—United States bonds 86¾.

FRANKFORT, Evening May 28.—5-20s 86.

Paris Bourse.

PARIS, Evening, May 28.—Bourse quiet; rentes 71 francs 50 centimes.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—Cotton—middling uplands 11¾d; Orleans 11¾d; sales 12,000 bales.

California white wheat 9s 8d; red western 8s 9d. Corn—mixed 27s 6d. Oats 3s 4d. Barley 5s. Peas 38s 6d.

Pork 109s. Beef 90s. Lard bouyant at 58s 6d. Cheese 82s. Bacon 58s.

Spirits petroleum 7½d; refined Is 8¾d. Tallow 43s 6d. Turpentine 28s 9d. Linseed oil £32. Linseed cakes £10.

ADDITIONAL MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Buffalo Market.

BUFFALO, May 28.—Flour nominal. Wheat in good demand; sales 160,000 bush at $1 25@$1 26 for No. 2 Milwaukee to arrive, 75,000 do. No. 1 Milwaukee, and 75,000 do Chicago to arrive at $1 25; 5,000 bush Milwaukee on spot at private terms; at the close firmly held at $1 26. Corn—receipts 5,000 bush; sales 5,000 bush at $1 26. Oats firmer; sales 22,000 bush western at 69@69½c; 12,000 bush to arrive at 68c; held firmly at the close at 68c. Nothing doing in rye, barley or seeds. Pork and lard unchanged. Highwines nominal at $1 07.

Latest Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, May 28—10 P. M.

At the Open Board No. 2 wheat was moderately active and higher, closing firm at $1 14@$1 14¾, seller the month; No. 3 spring wheat was dull and lower at 93c on 'Change. In the evening the market was quiet but firm. No. 2 wheat closing steadily with sellers at $1 15, buyers at $1 14¾, seller May. Nothing done in provisions.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 28.—Cotton—receipts to-day 1,463 bales; for the week 5,709 bales; exports to-day 8,506 bales; for the week, to the Continent, 301 bales; coastwise 633 bales; stock 47,143 bales; sales to-day 450 bales; for the week 2,300 bales, middlings 23¾c. Sugar firm; common 10@11c, prime 13¾@14c. Molasses nominal.

Nashville Cotton Market.

NASHVILLE, May 28.—Cotton firm; low middling 23¾@25c; good ordinary 22@23½c.

WHEELING.

Terrific Hail Storm—Reported Personal Injury—Miners Shut Up in the Flood.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.
WHEELING, W. VA., May 28, 1869.

The most terrific hail storm ever known in these parts passed over this city at three o'clock to-day. Hail stones larger than walnuts, and some larger than men's fists, fell like snow flakes for fifteen minutes. The accumulative bulk of ice obstructed the sewers, and in front of the *Intelligencer* office the street for two or three squares lies more than a foot deep with hail stones. Great damage is done to all windows facing the north and west, and rumors are afloat of serious personal injury. The belt of the storm did not extend more than a mile below the city, crossing the river from the southwest. A coal bank at Fulton has been closed by the flood, and it is said there are fifteen men within. The fury of the storm swept the steamer Grey Eagle ascending, but she bore it bravely without damage.

ANOTHER DISPATCH.

WHEELING, May 28, 1869.

About three o'clock this afternoon this city was visited by a hurricane, heavy rain and hail storm, which lasted about thirty minutes and exceeds anything ever heard of. The wind was from north by west. In nearly every house facing this point the glass was shivered to atoms. Shade trees were torn away by the roots, and awnings and fences blown down. Many of the streets resembled canals filled with water from side to side. The hail stones were generally from one to three inches in diameter. In the lower part of Main street the drift hail lay two feet deep. The iron roof of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot was blown off entirely. The heavy rain did much damage to some of the rolling mills. The McLure House and Grant House suffered severely. The Catholic cathedral was damaged to the thousand dollars. Total loss variously estimated at from $50,000 to $100,000. No lives lost.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Mrs. Blaum was fatally, and three children probably fatally, burned Thursday night, in Fifth avenue, New York, by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

Judge Dowling on Thursday drove Andrews, who was the leader of the riots in New York city during the war, from his court, saying he should never see or hear of him again.

On Thursday, at Cynthiana, Kentucky, a monument to the Confederate dead was unveiled in Battle Grove Cemetery. Col. W. C. Breckinridge delivered the oration.

James W. Campbell, of Covington, on Thursday, made affidavit that his testimony to the Grand Jury in December last, procuring the indictment of tobacco manufacturers, was false; that he did so because of threats and inducements made by Government detectives.

The Boston Universalists held their annual social re-union yesterday afternoon in Faneuil Hall, Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr., presiding.

The Boston Unitarians held their annual festival in Music Hall yesterday, George N. Briggs, of New York, presided. It was largely attended.

The bill annexing Dorchester to Boston passed the Legislature in its engrossment on Wednesday, awaiting ratification of the voters of the two localities.

The Kentucky Republican State Convention met on Thursday, nominated Governor Sweeney Wing for State Treasurer. The resolutions regard the inauguration of Grant as wise and sound, and pledge the party to support him heartily; recommend the Chicago platform, and hoped the friendly relations between the two countries would long be maintained. Mr. Washburne called on Prince Napoleon to-day, and met with a most cordial reception.

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Our Bonds at Frankfort.

LONDON, May 28.—Five-twenty bonds buying in American bonds in Frankfort is confined to the issue of 1862.

Troops for Cuba.

MADRID, May 28.—Six hundred volunteers sailed from Cadiz for Havana to-day.

Isabella declines abdicating.

Voyage Around the World.

BREST, May 28.—The iron-clad steamer Bellliqueuse, has returned to this port, after having circumnavigated the globe. She met with no accident whatever.

Demonstration at Seville.

MADRID, May 28.—A demonstration in favor of the Duke Montpensier is expected such at Seville.

Debate Closed.

The debate on the new national constitution has been closed.

Effect of the Election.

PARIS, May 28.—The official papers say the elections have extinguished old parties, and leave the liberal empire opposed by a few revolutionary candidates.

Ismael Pasha at Trieste.

TRIESTE, May 28.—Ismael Pasha, has arrived and was received with great state.

The Lord Lieutenant Bowed.

LONDON, May 28.—The *Times* this morning, in reviewing the Messrs. Lairds' letter of defense, claims that any negligence on the part of the government in permitting the Alabama to sail. The writer deplores the insufficiency of the law, and considers the precedent most mischievous. The question of liability between States for the incompleteness of the law is a doubtful one.

The *Daily News* says it will want good assurances that the new American Minister, Mr. Motley, is empowered to express the opinions of the President and Senate, and certainly of their sanction of a new treaty.

The Tories Organizing.

The Tories throughout the country are organizing meetings to protest against the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

Proceedings of Parliament.

In the House of Commons this evening, the Irish Church bill being up, Mr. Gladstone said there was no intention of abolishing the system of education in Ireland, but that such amendments might be introduced. Right Hon. Mr. Monsell, in reply to Mr. Charley, said he thought an appropriation of a loan for the Irish Universities so far, and that it would not be illegal, considering the precautions taken to render the sum available when needed.

Petition for Pardon.

The Cork Privy Council has adopted a petition for pardon of Fenian prisoners.

Disturbances in Spain.

MADRID, May 28.—Serious disturbances have occurred to-day at Malaga and Seville, directed against the Provisional Government. Details unknown.

Shipping Intelligence.

QUEENSTOWN, May 28.—The steamer Caledonia, from New York, arrived to-day.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—The steamer Germany, from Quebec, arrived to-day.

GLASGOW, May 28.—The steamship Europa arrived to-day from New York.

London Money Market.

LONDON, Evening, May 28.—Consols 93¾; 5-20s 79¾. Stocks steady; Erie 19¾; Illinois, 95¾.

London Produce Market.

LONDON, May 28.—Tallow 42s 9d. Sugar firm at 39s 9d on spot. Sperm oil 83s. Calcutta 6s. Refined petroleum is 7½d.

Antwerp Petroleum Market.

ANTWERP, May 28.—Petroleum dull at 47¾ francs.

Havre Cotton Market.

HAVRE, May 28.—Cotton 139½ francs on spot.

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U. S. Bonds at Frankfort.

FRANKFORT, May 28.—United States bonds 86¾.

FRANKFORT, Evening May 28.—5-20s 86.

Paris Bourse.

PARIS, Evening, May 28.—Bourse quiet; rentes 71 francs 50 centimes.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, May 28.—Cotton—middling uplands 11¾d; Orleans 11¾d; sales 12,000 bales.

California white wheat 9s 8d; red western 8s 9d. Corn—mixed 27s 6d. Oats 3s 4d. Barley 5s. Peas 38s 6d.

Pork 109s. Beef 90s. Lard bouyant at 58s 6d. Cheese 82s. Bacon 58s.

Spirits petroleum 7½d; refined Is 8¾d. Tallow 43s 6d. Turpentine 28s 9d. Linseed oil £32. Linseed cakes £10.

ADDITIONAL MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Buffalo Market.

BUFFALO, May 28.—Flour nominal. Wheat in good demand; sales 160,000 bush at $1 25@$1 26 for No. 2 Milwaukee to arrive, 75,000 do. No. 1 Milwaukee, and 75,000 do Chicago to arrive at $1 25; 5,000 bush Milwaukee on spot at private terms; at the close firmly held at $1 26. Corn—receipts 5,000 bush; sales 5,000 bush at $1 26. Oats firmer; sales 22,000 bush western at 69@69½c; 12,000 bush to arrive at 68c; held firmly at the close at 68c. Nothing doing in rye, barley or seeds. Pork and lard unchanged. Highwines nominal at $1 07.

Latest Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, May 28—10 P. M.

At the Open Board No. 2 wheat was moderately active and higher, closing firm at $1 14@$1 14¾, seller the month; No. 3 spring wheat was dull and lower at 93c on 'Change. In the evening the market was quiet but firm. No. 2 wheat closing steadily with sellers at $1 15, buyers at $1 14¾, seller May. Nothing done in provisions.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, May 28.—Cotton—receipts to-day 1,463 bales; for the week 5,709 bales; exports to-day 8,506 bales; for the week, to the Continent, 301 bales; coastwise 633 bales; stock 47,143 bales; sales to-day 450 bales; for the week 2,300 bales, middlings 23¾c. Sugar firm; common 10@11c, prime 13¾@14c. Molasses nominal.

Nashville Cotton Market.

NASHVILLE, May 28.—Cotton firm; low middling 23¾@25c; good ordinary 22@23½c.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK, A. M.

PRESBYTERIANISM.

The Old and New School Assemblies

Reply to the Pope's Apostolic Letter—Opera and Theater-Going Members Reproved—Work Among the Freedmen, &c., &c.

NEW SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

NEW YORK, May 28.—A joint prayer meeting of the two Presbyterian Assemblies was held this morning.

In the New School Assembly Rev. Dr. Adams offered a preamble and resolution looking to the appointment of a joint committee of the Assemblies to prepare and publish a reply to the Pope's apostolic letter of September 13th, 1868, as to certain statements of rules why his claims cannot be recognized, and regarded as an expression of the sentiment of the Presbyterian Church of United States. Adopted.

A committee from the Old School Assembly was introduced, and announced their adoption of the report on reunion, and congratulated their hearers on the auspicious result of that movement, to which the Moderator replied in a feeling speech.

Rev. Mr. Moore offered a resolution reproving the growing disposition of members of the Church to attend the opera and theater, and participate in the social dance at home and abroad. Referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The resolutions adopted by the Old School body, sending to Presbyteries the terms of reunion for ratification, were read and adopted.

A special committee of five was ordered on the subject of ministers without charges and churches without regular ministers who are desirous of a stated supply.

The report of a delegation from the Bohemian Reformed Church was made the special order for to-morrow morning.

There was an animated discussion on the best way to raise the sum of $100,000 for missionary work, and the subject was finally referred to a committee.

The Moderator announced as the Committee on the resolutions for replying to the Pope's proclamation, Rev. Dr. Adams, Professor Scofield, Mills and D. W. Ingersoll, of Minnesota.

A resolution was adopted to attend the decoration of the graves of the Union dead in Kings county on Monday next.

The joint committee on reunion and the Moderators of each Assembly were instructed to prepare a pastoral letter to churches on the subject of the ratification of the action of Assemblies on reunion.

There was an afternoon session to-day. A meeting in behalf of missionary work is to be held to-morrow night.

OLD SCHOOL ASSEMBLY.

In the Old School Assembly, resolutions were adopted for putting to a vote of the Presbyteries the plan of reunion adopted yesterday, and Rev. Dr. Musgrave and Robert Carter, Esq., appointed a committee to notify the New School Assembly of the nearly unanimous adoption of the plan of reunion.

The Committee on Freedmen presented its fourth annual report. The receipts were $79,169; number of churches, 62; communicants, 4,753. Over 3,000 pupils have been in attendance on the day schools, besides the Institute of Colored Youth. Schools in North Carolina, Kansas and South Carolina, and colored teachers and preparatory men for the ministry.

Rev. Dr. Adams and Judge Strong were invited as a representative of the New York two Assembly, and made able addresses, to which Dr. Moderator responded.

Some discussion on freedmen followed without particular action, and the

The Daily Commercial.

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 1869.

This highly gratifying assurance is telegraphed from Washington that the reduction of the public debt in May will not fall below Twelve Millions of Dollars. So much for the new administration in its third month!

The union of the Old and New School Presbyterian Assemblies is on the eve of being accomplished, both bodies having so decided. The question of orthodoxy appears to have been ignored, and the union is likely to take place on grounds broader than technicalities and abstract ideas touching faith, etc.

It was the open defiance of Mr. WILSON and his friends yesterday that he would secure the nomination in spite of all that those opposed to him can do. No doubt the ring, reinforced by the deadheads of last winter and deadheads in expectancy, is strong, but we believe the people are stronger. The open challenge to the latter portion of the community should bring them to the primary meetings this afternoon. It is the place to teach the rings that they are not supreme. Let the Republican masses for once take the business into their own hands.

THERE are plenty of patriots willing to go to the Conventions, and they will be on hand at the primary meetings this afternoon to solicit votes, which will render necessary unusual care on the part of the Anti-Corruptionists. The game of the ring-masters is to make the reformers scatter their votes on different candidates, while they will go in a solid body. The reformers therefore should agree among themselves on whom they will support, and having done so they should be resolute in having a fair expression. A few hours of determined work to-day will win a great victory for retrenchment and reform.

"WITHOUT the faintest shadow of an honorable justification!" This is the response the organ of the corruptionists gives to the universal demand—among honest men—for legislative reform. Let us see. A Legislature that in 1860 cost the State, exclusive of the pay of members, $70,689, in 1868 requires for its expenses $168,504. In 1858 the Legislature could get along with thirty-nine officers, but in 1868, with GEORGE WILSON at the head of the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, it takes just one hundred and twenty clerks, pasters and dead heads to do the business. And yet every thing we say, is "without the faintest shadow of an honorable justification," is it?

THE Harrisburg *State Guard* copies the list of Republican papers, published recently in our columns, which denounced legislative corruption, and says:

To which we can add the Reading *Dispatch*, Bellefonte *Watchman*, Lancaster County *sentinel*, Delaware County *Republican*, York *True Democrat*, Warren *Mail*, Jerseytown *Telegraph*, Cumberland *Valley Journal* Media *Republican*, Lancaster *Morgitian*, Franklin *Republic*, Lawrence *Journal*, Lancaster *Inquirer*, Johnstown *Tribune*, Brownsville *Clipper*, Saxton *Journal*, Chester Valley *Union*.

Many more staunch Republican organs could be added to the list. But we give enough to show the Pittsburgh *Gazette* that it is alone in defending the prostituting corruptions of such legislators as Ford and Rupert, who while they were in the Legislature were ready "to be bought on any measure which had wrong in it." For further particulars we refer to Mr Singerly, State Printer.

THE Lancaster *Express* nominates Hon. ESAIAS BILLINGFELT for a second term in the State Senate, and says:

The great secret of Mr. Billingfelt's popularity is to be found in the fact of his unquestioned honesty. So manifest has been his integrity and conscientious adherence to his convictions of right, that not even his political opponents have ever dared a word in his disparagement. On the other hand, we know that many of his political friends have complimented him for his firmness in resisting all the inducements held out for him to swerve from the path of his duty as a faithful representative of the true interests of his constituents and of the people at large. When others were denounced as corrupt and jerrymany, ESAIAS BILLINGFELT was proudly singed out as *an honest man*.

The Republicans of Lancaster would do honor to themselves and reflect credit upon the State by returning the able, independent and fearless Senator, whose course in the Senate during his term was characterized by honesty of purpose and fidelity to principle.

THE number of opposition candidates elected to the *Corps Legislatif* has dwindled from ninety, the number first telegraphed, to twenty-eight. This in a body composed of 378 members, shows that NAPOLEON has maintained his position in an unexpected degree, and that he will have his own way in the new legislature as fully as he had it with its predecessors. The machinery of the Imperial government had much to do with this grand success of NAPOLEONIC ideas. If the strong hand of the Emperor was remanded, and the nation left to the weak and divided rule of a regency, it would not be possible to hold the opposition in check, as it is now done. The great fact for Americans who ridicule the pretensions of NAPOLEON, is that he has been indorsed *for* a fourth time by the French people, and on a vote, by universal suffrage, that will probably reach ten millions.

WE are authorized to state that Col. WM. EGLEY, of Scott township, at the urgent solicitation of his numerous friends, has consented to the use of his name, before the ensuing Convention, as a candidate for the Legislature. Col. EGLEY is one of our oldest citizens, and commands the esteem and confidence of the entire community. A gentleman of the highest integrity, and possessed of ample means, he would not only be unapproachable as a representative, but would feel it incumbent upon him to devote his time and energies in furthering the general interests of the county and State. He was a member of the Legislature during the session of 1860, and made an unexceptionable record, discharging his duties in an intelligent and faithful manner. His sterling integrity will command for him the confidence of the entire party, and he will no doubt be warmly supported in the Convention.

IT is the boast of the ring masters that our business men, mill owners and solid citizens generally, who have the greatest interest in public affairs, are whipped into the support of bad nominations more easily than any other class. They say that while the checks and notes of the party of the community are good at the banks and current in the business world, the drawers are literally without weight or influence in the political world. If there is any truth in this, it is because those whom the ring masters hold in such light estimation have chosen to have it so, by abstaining from attending the primary elections in the first instance, and then submitting to be whipped into the support of whoever they may choose to nominate. But the end of this sort of thing is at hand. It can be ended most satisfactorily and speedily by whipping out the rings at the primary elections this afternoon, and that this may be done, all opposed to the rings should turn out and make choice of anti-ring delegates.

THE PRIMARY MEETINGS TO-DAY.

To-day the Republican voters of the county will meet at their respective polling places, and appoint two delegates to each of the three nominating conventions, which are to assemble on Tuesday next. The election will be held between the hours of four and seven o'clock, and every member of the party should regard the choice of delegates as of sufficient importance to command his personal attention and influence. The character of the delegates will determine the character of the ticket, and as the people really desire good nominations, they must make the proper effort to accomplish the result. Until there is a better plan devised for making nominations, the only recourse left to defeat those who would use the machinery of the party to advance selfish and corrupt ends, is to meet them at the polls and take the selection of delegates into their own hands. This matter is of such paramount importance, especially in the choice of delegates to the Legislative Convention, that no ordinary circumstance should justify any man in staying away from the polls. There are men now seeking nomination at the hands of "the party" (which, in their vernacular, means a certain circle of unscrupulous place hunters and plunderers,) who would not dare to go before the people under a popular vote, knowing that the people would disgrace them by an overwhelming repudiation. Relying, however, upon cliques and rings in the several wards, upon the indifference of the masses at primary meetings, and upon button-holing and log-rolling in the conventions, they hope to pull through, and thus foist themselves upon the honest voters of the party. We are aware that many of the best members of the Republican organization have a distaste for and prejudice against these primary elections, viewing them in the light of the past; but the time has come when they must either control the choice of delegates or abolish the system. To give up in despair all effort at reform, would be to abandon the machinery of the party to those who will run it into utter ruin, and that speedily. Let every good citizen, therefore, attend the primary meetings to-day, and use his best efforts to secure the election of delegates who will sustain the right and repudiate the wrong.

CHEAP GRAIN TRANSPORTATION.

We have already recorded that the Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, in anticipation of the completion of the St. Paul and Lake Superior Road, proposes to carry wheat from all river points above Prairie du Chien to Milwaukee for ten cents per bushel, and flour for forty cents per barrel, which is a reduction of fifty per cent. This policy the roads penetrating from Chicago to the grain growing districts will have to adopt to compete with the St. Louis movement, about which Chicago has evidently become alarmed. Steps towards such a reduction have already been taken, and we are assured that the committee appointed at the recent meeting of Lake Boards of Trade have conferred with the managers of those roads and obtained from nearly all of them, as well as from Gov. HOFFMAN and the officers of the Board of Control of the Erie Canal, and also from the leading elevator owners of Buffalo and Chicago, the assurance that whatever reduction of rates of railroad freights west of Chicago, of elevator charges in Chicago and Buffalo, and of tolls on the Erie canal is required to keep the entire grain business in its present channels, shall be effected. It is asserted that Gov. HOFFMAN enters deeply into the question, and will recommend that the canal tolls, now six cents per bushel, be wholly abolished, if necessary. The Chicago *Tribune* sums up its budget of good tidings on the subject by saying: "Such co-operation in attaining this result has been pledged by all the parties who have an interest in the matter that the cost of shipment of grain from any and every point in the Northwest will be made several cents cheaper, *via* Chicago and Buffalo to New York, than can possibly be done by any other route."

These concessions are important and timely, but they were not made until it had been demonstrated that if they were not made trade would depart and take other routes. As an illustration bearing directly on this point, we will state that ten thousand barrels of flour were shipped to Pittsburgh from Minneapolis, by water, at a rate only ten cents above what the roads were charging to Chicago only. It did not take many such facts to open the eyes of the railroads and others interested with them in retaining the trade which has already begun to leave them. It is even now questionable if the concession has not come too late to have all the effect expected.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

In common with many Republicans in this township, I would congratulate you, Mr. Editor, upon your having the "the best of the bargain" in the slight "onpleasantness" that appears to prevail just now, between the COMMERCIAL and the "oldest daily." When the *Gazette* pronounces out of the party the COMMERCIAL, it reminds one forcibly of the lost Indian—"wigwam lost! Injin no lost!" It is really funny for men to talk of reading out of the party a journal whose great sin consists in refusing to indorse those who are endeavoring to work that party's ruin.

If the Republican party is to maintain its present proud position, it must do so by continuing to stand up for the rights of the people, by exposing fraud wherever it may be found, and by holding up to scorn the political rogue, no matter with whom he may be associated. As a Republican, I rejoice to know that good and true men, every where indorse the course of the COMMERCIAL. It is a pretty state of affairs, indeed, if men can rob the State and disgrace themselves, and the noble party that has confided in them, and those whom they have deceived are to have their mouths closed, and no opportunity of defending themselves and right before the community. Are Republicans to have the lash applied to them, whenever they denounce legislative fraud and corruption, and is your journal, Mr. Editor, to be read out of the party when it attempts to speak for the people?

A few dissatisfied persons who desire nominations, or a chance to hold on to the public teat, may "take on," but I tell you, Mr. Editor, it will be of no avail.

There is a "ring" that must be *consulted*, and that ring is the "people's ring," and as faras I am able to judge, the COMMERCIAL speaks the sentiments of that ring to a T.

The fair fame of our party must not be tarnished by endeavoring to "*paste*" over the misdeeds and "*yolds*" the mantle of charity over the misdeeds of any set of men. Where there has been corruption let it be exposed. Where we have been mistaken and elected to office bad men, let us have the honesty and manhood to acknowledge our error, and *just now*, let us *elect to stay at home* those whose past record is one of duplicity and betrayal of the people's interests. As Republicans, we voted for and elected to the last Legislature those who misrepresented us. We voted for them because we believed them to be honest men. If they are renominated we will oppose them, for now we *know* them to be selfish and politically dishonest.

"Go in," then, old COMMERCIAL! You are right, and sure as you live, the people are with you and will sustain you. KILLBUCK.

May 27, 1869.

Freemen or Slaves.

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Will the Ring beware? Will it bow to the storm of popular indignation, and give up its schemes of rewarding the enemies of our infamy as a party, or will it deliberately decide to "rule or ruin?"

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ATHENSVILLE, PA., April 21, 1869.

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MRS. GRATTAN THOMSON.

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Col. WM. ESPY,

OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP, will be a candidate for Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican Legislative Convention.

WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, ss: At Pittsburgh, the 28th day of May, A. D. 1869. The undersigned hereby gives notice that pursuant to order of Court, a second General Meeting of the creditors of SAMUEL HIRSH, Bankrupt, will be held at the office of SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., Register, in Bankruptcy, in said city on the 16th day of June, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose mentioned in the 27th section of the Bankrupt Act of March 2, 1867.

JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee,
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A $1,000 Grand Square Piano,
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Handsome Country Residence.

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These essays will ultimately be printed together; but, in view of the desperate efforts of the Free Traders to forestall opinion and try to wrest a verdict from a public which has not heard the case argued, we ask the friends of Protection to aid us in giving these essays, as they originally fall from the press, a general diffusion.

The Free Trade League, organized in this city, by and in the interests of foreign manufacturers, is laboring assiduously through newspapers which it controls, and by the distribution of tracts and pamphlets, to destroy the Tariff and surrender our markets to the importers of foreign manufactured goods. Their efforts can best be counteracted by the dissemination of journals intelligently and continuously devoted to the protection of American labor and the fostering

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

FRIDAY EVENING, May 28, 1869.

There was no special feature to-day in the government bond market. The New York reports indicate no material changes. Gold appears to be more under the control of the Secretary of the Treasury than ever before, and the increase of the weekly sales to two millions keeps in check the premium. Our imports of foreign merchandise are so very large that the revenues in gold fill the Treasury faster than the one million sales can keep down the balance, and, from all present appearances, Mr. Boutwell not only may keep up his weekly sales to two millions a week for months to come, but he may increase the amount. Under these circumstances those who have realized upon their gold would seem to have been wise. But if the Bank of England, in fulfillment of its recent threat to drive American securities from the English market, should again raise the rate of discount, it is not easy to see what would be the result, in view of the fact that so many of our American firms are extensively connected in business with operations in London, and feel every serious change in that market. So far, however, Mr. Boutwell remains master of the situation.

The recent sharp advance in gold to 144¾, and the continued rise in the Government bond and railway shares and securities for several months past, says the New York *Post* of last evening, has prompted an organized movement to depress prices in gold, Government bonds and stocks. This movement is represented on the street by a prominent and wealthy operator who has been particularly identified with the rise in stocks and gold. The plan, it is reported to us, was to send a delegation to Washington to induce the Secretary of the Treasury to withdraw, as far as it is in his power, the two per cent. certificates, thereby influencing the money market here, and to accompany this request for action of the Government with a vigorous assault on all the markets. As yet, the Secretary of the Treasury has made no indication of what he intends to do, but various reports have been circulated on the subject. The heavy sales in all the markets during the past few days have been in accordance with this plan. What will be the success of the movement events only can determine. It is known that all the leading railway stocks are under the control of powerful combinations, who have carried them through two seasons of severe monetary stringency; and that in several instances the plans of the controlling owners of the roads are not yet completed, and that they are not therefore prepared to part with their stocks unless compelled to. Whether or not they can be compelled to is the question on which the immediate future of the market depends.

—The following table, made up from dispatches received at *J. W. Kennedy's* Stock Rooms, Apollo Building, No. 80 Fourth avenue, shows the prices of Railway Stocks, Gold, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Boards during the day:

May 28 1869.	10 a.m.	10 50 a.m.	12 m.	12 15 p.m.	1 30 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 00 p.m.
	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.	M.
N. Y. Central	192¼	192¼	192¼	192¼	192¼	192¼	190¾
Hudson River	146¾						146¾
Harlem							
Reading	99	99	99¼	99¼	99¼	99¼	98¾
Mich. Central							129
Mich. Southern	109¾	109¾	109¾	109¾	110¼	110¼	112⅞
Illinois Central					145¾	145¾	
Cleve. & Pitts.					97	96¾	97¾
Fort Wayne	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	97¾	96¾
Chic. & R. I.	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾	94¾
Pac. Mail	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾	108¾
Cleve. & Toledo	109		109		109		109
Rock Island	126¾	126¾	126¾	126¾	126¾	126¾	126¼
Tol. & Wabash					77		76¾
Do preferred							
Chicago & Alton					136		134
St. Paul					87		87¼
Do preferred					87		87¼
Ohio and Miss					31¾		30¾
Pacific Mail					108¾		108¾
W. U. Telegraph					39¾		39¾
Adams Express					58¾		58¾
Merch'ts' Ex.					44		44
American M.U.Ex.					39		39
Wells, Fargo & Co.					41		41
U. S. Express					66		66

—James W. Kennedy, Broker, No. 80 Fourth avenue, (Apollo Building, dealer in United States Bonds, State and Municipal Securities, Railroad, Bank, Insurance and Miscellaneous Stocks. Being represented in the New York Stock Boards every day while in session, he pursues and sells such securities on the regular lists on the same terms as the New York brokers. Government, Gold and Railway Stocks purchased for customers on the usual margin.

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, FRIDAY EVENING, May 28, 1869.

Our general markets to-day were quiet, but slightly improved in the aggregate over yesterday. There is no special change to note in prices from those last quoted.

We quote as follows, which are the wholesale store prices, unless otherwise noted:

APPLES—Market dull. Common to good sells slowly at $3 @$3 50, and choice in a retail way at $4 @$5 00 ₱ bbl. Very few will above the latter figure.

BUTTER—Market dull. The best roll selling at 28@35c ₱ lb. Common is plenty and dull at prices ranging from 10 to 20c ₱ lb, as to quality.

EGGS—Scarce, and good fresh packed command readily 18c ₱ doz.

BACON, LARD, ETC.—There is a fair demand and market firm. We quote shoulders at 14c; rib sides 16½c; clear sides 17½@18c; sugar cured hams 19c, and canvassed 19½@20c; plain hams 17½@18c; dried beef 22c, and canvassed 21½c; breakfast bacon 19@20 ₱ lb. Lard in tierces 19@ 19½c, and in kegs 20@20½c ₱ lb.

LARD OIL—Market steady. Extra No. 1 $1 50 @$1 52, and No. 2 at $1 20 ₱ gallon.

HOMINY—Market dull at $4 @$4 00 ₱ bbl.

LIME—We quote Cleveland lime at $2 50 ₱ bbl, and white lime at $1 75 ₱ bbl.

MAPLE MOLASSES—Sales by the gallon jug at $1 50@$1 75.

CHEESE—Sales of Western Reserve at 16@17c; Ohio Factory 18@18c; Ohio Goshen 20@21c; New York cheese at 20@21c. Sweitzer at 24@25c ₱ lb.

DRIED FRUIT—Dull; sales of peaches at 14@ 14½c for quarters; 16@16½c for sliced, and 18@ 18c for halves. Dried apples are wanted at 13½@ 15c, as to quality.

MILL FEED—The Pearl Mill prices are, ₱ 100 wholesale for bran, $1 10; for shipstuff, $1 50; for middlings, $1 90; for screenings, $1 00; for chop $1 50, and for unwrappings $1 60.

SEEDS—Clover seed is in light demand at from $9 00@$9 50 ₱ bushel. Timothy seed offering in a jobbing way in light supply at $2 40@$2 45 ₱ bushel.

POTATOES—Market well supplied and dull. Choice Peachblows from store are hardly quotable at over 70c ₱ bushel, and buckeyes sell as low as $3 00@$3 15 ₱ barrel.

SALT—Sales to the trade at $1 80@$1 85, and $1 90@$2 00 in a retail way.

TAR—Sales of North Carolina tar at $1 50@ $ 00, to size of package.

PITCH—Sales at from 75@90c ₱ hundred, as to quality.

HAY—Receipts by country wagons good, and prices may be quoted at $25@30 ₱ ton.

FEATHERS—There is a fair demand, and the market is quiet and prices from store somewhat irregular. We quote choice spring in good, in barrels, at 60@62½c; choice spring in fair, in barrels, at 55@57½c; winter wheat in barrels at 77@82½c, and in sacks at 70@75c. The following are the Pearl Mill prices: Pearl, Mill finish, very good, green, in barrels, $1 10; and in sacks $9 40; double extra in barrels $8 00, and in sacks $8 50; Pearl Mill family in barrels $6 00, and in sacks $7 00; spring wheat flour in barrels $5 25, and in sacks $6 00. The Pittsburgh City Mill prices are as follows: Choice white winter wheat flour in barrels $8 00, and in sacks $8 50; choice winter wheat flour in barrels $7 00, and in sacks $7 50; choice spring wheat flour in barrels $6 00, and in sacks $6 65 ₱ barrel.

CORN MEAL—Kiln dried, cold bolted, ₱ bbl of 4 bushels, $5 75; and for bolted, $5 50@$5 75.

RYE FLOUR—We quote at $6 50@7 00 ₱ bbl, as to quality.

GRAIN—There is very little movement in grain of any kind, and prices are nearly nominal. Wheat is at $1 45 for red winter. Oats are quiet at 62@65c on the track. Ear corn sells from first hands at 75@77c. Rye is dull and weak at $1 25, and barley at $1 70 for choice.

WHISKY—Trade moderate and prices unchanged. We quote high wines at 95c. Common refined is 90c, and proof rectified $1 05, and rye and Bourbon $1 75; old Monongahela, two years old, $2 25, and old Monongahela three years old $2 50 a gallon. Very old whiskies are scarce, and sell at high and nominal prices, varying from $5 00@8 00 ₱ gallon.

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NEW YORK, May 28—P. M.

MONEY.

Money easy at 6@7 ₱ cent. on call.

STERLING

Firm at 109½@109¾; eight 110@110¼.

GOLD.

Firmer, opened at 139¾, advanced to 139¾, fell to 139¼, and closed at 139⅞. Carrying rates 6@7 ₱ cent. Clearances $103,000,000. The currency balance in the Sub-Treasury is $10,360,000.

GOVERNMENTS

A shade better, closing active and strong on London, and rumors that the forthcoming debt statement will show a decrease of $10,000,000. Coupons 81, 121@122; do 64, 114@115; do 04, 110@111; do 65, 111@112; do new, 110¾@110¾; do '67, 110¾@110¾; do '68, 110¾ @110¾; 10-40s, 105@105¾; Pacific 6s, 103@103½.

STATE BONDS

Dull but steady; Missouris 85@86½c; old Tennessees 67¾@68; new do 67¾@68; North Carolinas 56@ 58¾; Virginias 61@.

STOCKS.

In the stock market there has been a sharp upward movement, caused by a demand to cover speculative sales. The transactions were large, and the market active and buoyant, with a general advance in prices. The chief features were New York Central which is now quoted ex-dividend on scrip; Northwestern, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, while Reading, Pacific Mail and Rock Island are also noticeable. The market closed strong.

GOLD PRICES.

Cumberland, 31@34; Wells's Express, 39@39½; American, 39@39½; Adams, 59@59½; United States, 80½; Merchant's Union, 44½@44¾; Quicksilver to 40¾; Canton, 64@64½; Pacific Mail, 83@83½; Western Union Telegraph, 39@40; Hartford and Erie, 26¾@27; Morris, 50¾@51; do preferred, 58¾@59¾; New York Central, 192@192¾; ex-dividend; Erie, 39¾@40; preferred, 81¾@82; Hudson, 138@138¾; Harlem, 146@ 146; preferred, ——; Reading, 99@99¼; Michigan Terre Haute, 37¾@38; preferred, 63@63½; Wabash, 76@77; preferred 82@83; St. Paul, 77¼@77½; do preferred, 87¼@88; Fort Wayne, 97¼@98; Ohio and Mississippi, 30¾@31; Michigan Central, 129@130; Michigan Southern, 112¾@112¾; Illinois Central; 145 @146; Lake Shore, 112¾@113; Pittsburgh, 97¾@98; Rock Island, 127¾@127¾; Northwestern, 91¾@92; do preferred, 103¾@104; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 43; Chicago and Alton 138; preferred 109; Burlington and Quincy, 150; St. Joseph, 17¾.

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RIVER TELEGRAMS.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, May 28.—The river has risen to six feet four inches in the canal. Weather clear and warm.

RIVER NEWS.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Arrived.

Elector	Donaldson	Geneva.
Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
Cheltenham	Phillips	Geneva.
Allens May	Flanagan	Geneva.
Grey Eagle	Brennan	Parkersburg.

Departed.

Elizabeth	Houghton	Elizabeth.
Franklin	G. W. Clarke	Geneva.
Cheltenham	Phillips	Geneva.
New State	Muhleman	Wheeling.
Kenton	Kerr	Portsmouth.

MONONGAHELA—Five feet eight inches; rising slowly. The weather was changeable. There is a fair prospect for a moderate rise. Trade on the landing was dull. Freights are scarce. The departures inclnde the New State, for the Wheeling, and the Kenton, for Portsmouth.

THE towboat Alps arrived at Louisville on Wednesday with a tow of empty barges.

THE steamer Belle Vernon, Capt. Darragh, left Cincinnati for this port on Wednesday.

THE steamer Empress No. 2, Capt. Brazatta, arrived at New Orleans on Wednesday.

THE towboat Wild Duck, Captain J. W. Anderson, arrived at St. Louis on Tuesday with a good trip. All well.

THE steamer Glasgow left St. Louis for this port on Wednesday with all the freight she wanted.

THE steamer Corn that recently sunk in Arkansas river will be raised. She has been sold at auction for $6,500.

THE steamer New State, Capt. Muhleman, will run as a regular packet between Pittsburgh and Wheeling, leaving this port every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

NORTHERN LINE OF SIDEWHEEL STEAMERS. —Through receipts given to all points on the Upper Mississippi by the Diamond Jo. Line. Grovers Patent Ice Elevator. For freight or passage apply on board, or to GRHEST, SWANEY & CO., Agents.

THE light draught packet Allena May, Capt. Flanagan, takes her departure to-day at four P. M., for Brownsville and Geneva. The clerks are Messrs. Kramer and James. They will be found careful and attentive.

THE Parkersburg packet for this day is the steamer Ivory Eagle, Captain C. L. Brennan, leaving at 12 M. This boat is well found in every respect, and is in charge of careful and gentlemanly officers.

BRUNSWICK, May 25.—*Board of Underwriters:* The Stonewall's shipments, Texas, and part of cabin, gone in a storm, six miles below here. I will be down to-night. No lives lost. Such.

JOHN S. SHAW.

THE St. Louis and Quincy Packet Company will be wound up on the 2d of June. They own about $20,000, and own stock in the Northwestern Union Packet Company to the amount of $5,000, and $1,500 in bonds, which will be sold at auction.

THE fine passenger steamer Armadillo, Capt. A. McCarty, is announced for St. Louis and the headwaters of the Mississippi. This boat is well found in every respect and is in charge of gentlemanly and attentive officers. Capt. B. McLaughlin will do the honors in the office.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The fine cross passenger packet Glendale, captain J. M. Hare, takes her departure this day at 12 M., for St. Louis, Galena, Dubuque and St. Paul. This boat stands A No. 1 in every respect, has fine speed, and the accommodations, Capt. James Mellon has charge of the office.

THE St. Louis *Democrat* says: We know from our own personal observation that the Deer Lodge arrived at Benton on the 19th, caused an immense excitement, and drew per capita the Only Chance, Alabama, Dispatch, Parker, Peter Balen, Shreve, Cora, Big Horn, Ida Reese, Josephine and Emma Rence.

THE NORTH.—The Ellen Hardy came up from Hickwood with 1,000 bushels oats, 200 sacks wheat, 30 bushels oats, 200 sacks wheat, 30 pounds mineral paint, and a quantity of dry and green hides. She unloaded at Hickwood and will be down days out. The Captain reports the Minnesota falling three feet. Receipts of the Ellen Hardy will probably be maintained by recent rains. —*St. Paul Dispatch* 21st.

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THE Vicksburg *Herald* says: It will be seen in the proceedings of the City Council, in another column, that an application has been introduced in that body for a further lease on steamboats landing at this place. The New Orleans and St. Louis packets, the New and Fleets and Bend packets, and the Vicksburg and St. Louis packets, with the exception of small, may be required to pay wharfage five cents for every ton of the carrying capacity of those boats, or such other rate as may be found assessed on transient boats. We would regret the enactment of such a law, as it would discriminate in favor of outside boats, and serve to increase the cost of freight. If there is any place cursed with taxation it is our burg, and to tax those boats that are a source of benefit to the city to so much money out of the pockets of the merchants. Both the St. Louis and New Orleans packets are scarcely making a living now, and should be encouraged rather than be driven from the trade. The amount of such a law, at the rate, will amount to nearly three thousand dollars. What the boats have charged for the boats we drifted some distance before she received assistance.

IMPORTS BY RAIL.

Pennsylvania Central R. R—Duquesne Depot.

[NOTE.—Freight received at this station via Allentown for our merchants is omitted, as it is delivered immediately upon its arrival, as per contract with railroads.]

M Gleal, 1 car oats; J B Jones, 1 car scrap; Dilworth, Porter & Co, 2 do do; Bellock & co, 1 do sand; O Chilcott, 1 do do; Hamilton & Bell, 1 do do; Bell, Wilson & Co, 1 do do; Wm. Miller & co, 10 bbls sugar; Armstrong, Bros & co, 36 bbls sugar; Quicksilver to 40¾; Canton, 64@64½; Pacific Mail, 83@83½; Western Union Telegraph, 39@40; Hartford and Erie, 26¾@27; Morris, 50¾@51; do preferred, 58¾@59¾; New York Central, 192@192¾; ex-dividend; Erie, 39¾@40; preferred, 81¾@82; Hudson, 138@138¾; Harlem, 146@ 146; preferred, ——; Reading, 99@99¼; Michigan Terre Haute, 37¾@38; preferred, 63@63½; Wabash, 76@77; preferred 82@83; St. Paul, 77¼@77½; do preferred, 87¼@88; Fort Wayne, 97¼@98; Ohio and Mississippi, 30¾@31; Michigan Central, 129@130; Michigan Southern, 112¾@112¾; Illinois Central; 145 @146; Lake Shore, 112¾@113; Pittsburgh, 97¾@98; Rock Island, 127¾@127¾; Northwestern, 91¾@92; do preferred, 103¾@104; Columbus, Chicago and Indiana Central, 43; Chicago and Alton 138; preferred 109; Burlington and Quincy, 150; St. Joseph, 17¾.

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THE SPLENDID PASSENGER

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THIS DAY, May 29—12 M.

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Passenger Steamer GLENDALE,

JOHN M. HARE ..... Master,

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SATURDAY, May 29—4 P. M.

THE FINE PASSENGER

Steamer ARMADILLO, A. McCARTY, commander, will leave as announced above

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TUESDAY, June 1—4 P. M.

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Iron Propeller ALLEGHENY, Capt. R. BALLEST, will leave as announced above.

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CITY MATTERS.

DECORATION DAY.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee Yesterday—Final Arrangements—Preparation of Flowers and Wreaths—Arrival of the Orphans—The Programme for To-Day's Exercises.

Considerable preparation was made yesterday in the city for the observance of decoration day.

The postoffices in both Pittsburgh and Allegheny will be closed, and it is expected that to-day between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. there will be a general suspension of business.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at City Hall yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, Gen. Pearson in the chair.

Maj. Montooth submitted a communication from Postmaster McClelland stating that the Fourth Postoffice would be closed from 9 A. M. to 12 M. on Saturday.

It was also stated that all business at the Arsenal would be suspended between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Votes of thanks were, on motion of Major Monteoth, to Surveyor Steele, Commander Whitley and the Mayor's of both cities for the efforts had made to have a suspension of business on Decoration Day. Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr. Fryl, of Allegheny, for six beautiful flower racks, and to H. & J. Muncoch for donations of evergreens.

Captain Cook stated that the ladies of the committee desired to have the small flags with which the graves are decorated left for a few days in order that flowers might be hereafter planted on the graves.

The question of receiving the flowers for distribution and starting the procession for the cemeteries was then discussed at some length. It was decided that the orphan children should proceed to Masonic Hall after leaving the street cars and be supplied with bouquets. Each division commander was instructed to see that his division was supplied with boquets in Masonic Hall.

Major Denniston called up the matter of the transportation of the orphans to and from Cleveland. He stated that the officers of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad had agreed to convey the children on any regular train's. But it would be necessary to send them home on a special train. The Treasurer was, on motion, instructed to attend to the matter of transporting them home by a special train from West Newton, for which excursion rates would be charged. A vote of thanks to the officers of the road was passed.

General Pearson stated that Mr. Myler, Allegheny Postmaster, would have the Allegheny Postoffice on Decoration Day from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. On motion a vote of thanks was passed.

Committee adjourned to meet at three o'clock on Wednesday next.

THE PREPARATIONS FOR OBSERVING THE DAY.

Considerable preparation was made at the ladies' meeting held in City Hall a few days ago, to attend to the matter of preparing bouquets, wreaths, etc., met in Masonic Hall yesterday, and were busily engaged. A large number of floral decorations were also received, and more will probably be brought in to-day.

Post No. 3, G. A. R., held a meeting last evening, and the members made arrangements to join in the procession, and we understand that all the Posts in the vicinity will appear.

ARRIVAL OF THE ORPHANS.

The children of the Soldiers' Orphans' School at Uniontown arrived in the city on the six o'clock train last evening, under the direction of Rev. J. H. Waters, and proceeded to the Penn street car station, where they were furnished transportation over the Citizens' Passenger Railway to the Soldiers' Home, in the Ninth ward. There were one hundred and twenty of them, and they presented a fine appearance. The girls were clad in blue dresses and wore white straw hats trimmed with green. The boys were dressed in the handsome blue suits and wore regulation caps. On reaching Twenty-eighth street the children formed in line, and headed by their drum corps proceeded up the hill, and were met at the door by the Executive Committee, who had charge of the arrangements for furnishing them with supper. At a signal from the drum corps the boys and girls "broke ranks" and were soon scattered over the grounds, where they seemed to enjoy themselves hugely. Soon supper was announced, and upon another signal being given they quickly formed in line and marched to supper. The tables were loaded with all the delicacies of the season, and the ladies having the matter in charge may congratulate themselves upon the success attending their labors.

After supper, the children favored the company with a number of patriotic airs. A great deal of credit is due to Prof. Sisela for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort.

The children will be supplied with bouquets and wreaths at Masonic Hall and will join in the procession this morning.

THE PROGRAMME TO-DAY.

The exercises at the Academy of Music will commence this morning at nine o'clock.

The music will be under the direction of Prof. Sisela.

The opening prayer will be made by Rev. W. D. Howard, D. D.

The oration will be delivered by Hon. John M. Kirkpatrick, after which the Decoration Day poem, written by Mr. O. T. Bennett, of the CODMERCIAL, will be read by Mr. H. J. Collier. The benediction will be pronounced by Dr. Howard.

Immediately after the exercises at the Academy of Music, the procession will be formed. The first division will be formed on Water street, right resting on Smithfield; the second will form on Sixth street, resting on Water street, and the third will form on Wood with the right resting on Water.

The route of procession will be as follows: Up Water to Smithfield; along Smithfield to Third; up Third to Grant; up Grant to Fifth avenue; down Fifth avenue to Market street; along Market and across Sixth bridge to Sixth street; thence to Penn; up Penn to Wylie street, and halt. The first division will countermarch on Penn and move across the St. Clair Street Bridge to Allegheny. Second Division will move up Penn to the Cemetery, and the Third Division will move along Wayne street to Liberty; thence to Smithfield street; along Smithfield to the Monongahela Bridge, and cross to the south side.

A national salute will be fired from Allegheny arsenal, commencing at 10½ o'clock A. M.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Court of Common Pleas—Judge Stowe.

In the case of Sloan et ux. vs. Dietrich, previously reported, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff in the sum of $746 25. Same day an order was filed to stay the execution on payment of $146 25, with costs.

Abner Peebles vs. Joel Peebles et ux. Action in ejectment. Verdict for defendant.

Phillip Speller vs. Peter Mertz. Action for work and labor. Verdict in favor of plaintiff for $99 56.

Archibald McFarland vs. A. J. Hagan and Alfred McCandless. Action on judgment. On trial.

District Court—Judge Hampton.

In the case of Catharine Rumpff vs. Isaac Vickroy, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $2,000, subject to the opinion of the Court on questions of law reserved.

The Fire Alarm Extension.

The extension of the Fire Alarm Telegraph to the Eighteenth, Twenty-second and Twenty-third wards, has been completed, and yesterday seven new boxes were erected. The boxes are located at the following points, to wit: 36, corner Fifty-second and Butler streets; 84, corner Fifty-fifth and Butler streets; 85, on Butler street, above the Sharpsburg Bridge; 91, on Butler, near Thirty-eighth street. Box 88 formerly was the police station, but hereafter the dial will be located at 82. The above boxes are added to District No. 3 and the Niagara, Independence and Lawrence companies only will be called out for fires in this locality, unless it be a great conflagration, when a general alarm will be sounded.

The following boxes have been added to District No. 9: 88, corner Fifth avenue and Craft's avenue; 87, corner Fifth avenue, opposite Oakland Car Station; 91, on Second avenue, near Murphy street. The Duquesne, Neptune and Relief will answer calls in this district.

"Home for the Friendless."

We are happy to learn that this worthy institution has a fair hold on the hearts of our citizens, and that unusual interest is being manifested in their approaching anniversary, to be held June 3d, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in the Union Baptist church on Grant street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues. We are informed that the little girls will be dressed in white, the material for their dress having been donated by the merchants of the city for this special purpose. We are also informed that Col. George McFarland will be present at the anniversary, and that other addresses may be expected from other speakers of note, which, together with the songs and declamations of the children, will fully repay the large audience, which we hope to see convened on that occasion.

WOMAN KILLED IN BIRMINGHAM.—About noon yesterday a very distressing accident occurred in Birmingham resulting in the death of a German woman named Mrs. Catharine Boemesrefer, who resided near Nusser's brewery in St. Clair township. At the time of the accident the deceased was picking up coal in a tunnel on Joseph Keiting's, formerly Bausman's coal works, near the head of Denman street, Birmingham, when a coal car, which came down the incline, struck and knocked her down, breaking her neck and killing her almost instantly. She was about forty years of age. Coroner Clawson was notified and held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of accidental death.

AN UNEXPECTED ACCIDENT.—The last twenty-inch cannon manufactured at the Fort Pitt Foundry was taken to the proving ground near Wall's station, some days ago, for the purpose of testing. On Wednesday it was placed over the platform car loaded and fired. At the moment of firing the platform gave way and the gun dropped, crushing the platform and burying itself partially in the ground. The ball, instead of going into the bank, as was originally intended, went over the hill into the country and has not since been heard from.

THE ALLEGHENY HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Several days ago an account was published of an attack made upon Mr. James E. Gregg, a hatter in Allegheny, who, while passing along Liberty street, was knocked down and robbed of his watch and chain. Two men, named Wm. Gowans and Reynolds Cutty, were arrested by officer Gaby and Shaffer, and held in the sum of $1,000 for trial at court. The watch and chain were found in the possession of another party.

ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY.—There is no more reliable and prompt paying insurance company in the country than the Enterprise of Cincinnati, of which Capt. Rod. J. Grace is agent in this city. We comment it to our business men.

THE pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rev. Alex. Clark, having received from his physician, will occupy his pulpit to-morrow morning and evening as usual. In the morning he will preach a sermon appropriate to the decoration services to be observed to-day.

DELEGATE ELECTION THIRTEENTH WARD.—All good citizens desiring legislative reform and opposed to corruption will turn out this afternoon and vote for Robert Arthurs and Thomas C. Dickson as delegates to the legislative convention.

CITY TREASURER'S OFFICE, Pittsburgh, May 28, 1869.—In compliance with the request of the Hon. Jared M. Bunker, Mayor, of Pittsburgh, this office will be closed on Memorial Day, Saturday, 29th inst. A. J. COCHRAN, City Treasurer.

DR. GLEASON, having concluded his admirable popular lectures, on Anatomy and Physiology for the season, will remain at the request of his numerous friends for a few days at the St. Clair House for professional consultation.

TRESPASSING ON THE COMMONS.—Five boys were arrested yesterday and taken before Mayor Brush, and fined five dollars each for trespassing on the Allegheny Commons and interfering with the city improvements.

THE SOUTH PITTSBURGH CASUALTY.

Further Testimony Before the Jury.

STATEMENT OF MR. FINCH.

The Contractor Recalled and His Testimony Ruled Out.

The Supervising Architect Offers a Statement which the Jury Declines to Hear—A Singular Proceeding.

The Coroner's jury in the case of George B. Caven, killed by the fall of Finch & Co.'s bonded whisky warehouse, in South Pittsburgh, on the 14th inst., held its fourth session in the office of Justice W. H. Barker, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and the following additional testimony was elicited:

STATEMENT OF MR. FINCH.

The first witness called was Mr. Joseph S. Finch, one of the owners of the warehouse. He testified as follows: Am one of the proprietors of the warehouse; went to see Mr. Kerr, architect, about the middle of last August, to employ him to draw plans and superintend the structure; he said he was going away in a short time and could not take personal charge of it; he introduced me to Mr. Kemble as his deputy, and said he (Mr. Kemble) would draw up the plans and write out the specifications, and that he (Kerr) would on his return from his tour and approve them; he also said this man Kemble was very good, as he had built a similar house for Mr. Mears, of Steubenville; the operations commenced laying the stone in the foundation and worked about one day I think; Mr. Kemble came on the ground, said the work would not do, and it would have to be stopped; the work was suspended from that time until Mr. Kerr came home; Mr. Kerr came home and was notified of the suspension of work, when he recommended that Mr. Howarth take personal charge of it, believing him to be a suitable man and one who would have it done properly; he said both he and his deputy were too busy to be on the ground every day; Mr. Howarth began the work under the specifications drawn by Mr. Kemble; the work went on very smoothly for about three weeks, or until the piers were about being built; Mr. Kemble was on the ground and said that the piers having been built with mortar and not cement would have to be torn down; he made that order, and the piers were demolished and rebuilt with cement; in regard to the continuous stone walls between the piers, which the specification called for, I asked Mr. Kemble if he would have any objection to my leaving them out, as I might want to use the cellar; he said he had no objections; the builders complained to me several times in reference to the specifications and I invariably referred them to the architect for instructions; Mr. Finch here read a paper dated November 3d, 1868, in which J. W. Kerr, architect, squares, wedges I the receipt of $30 on account, for plans and superintendence of the warehouse building. At this time the north end of the building was on, and the arms receipted December 22, 1868, from George Howarth for $15, in full of wages on the job in laying the erection of bonded warehouse in South Pittsburgh.

Mr. Finch, resuming, said—I did not see the foundation for the piers; the whole matter was in the hands of Mr. Howarth and the builders, and I did not give it my personal attention; was the chief offender perhaps than Hanrahan, ever interfering with the work; paid a visit once in a while; once a week; don't know of my books ever being in the office; the foundation was laid by the builders mostly; the specification drawn by Mr. Kemble asserted to the addition of the fifth story, and said the building was strong enough to bear the weight; I did not take personal charge of it; he introduced me to Mr. Kemble as his deputy, and said he (Mr. Kemble) would draw up the plans and write out the specifications, and that he (Kerr) would on his return from his tour and approve them; he also said this man Kemble was very good, as he had built a similar house for Mr. Mears, of Steubenville; the operations commenced laying the stone in the foundation and worked about one day I think; Mr. Kemble came on the ground, said the work would not do, and it would have to be stopped; the work was suspended from that time until Mr. Kerr came home; Mr. Kerr came home and was notified of the suspension of work, when he recommended that Mr. Howarth take personal charge of it, believing him to be a suitable man and one who would have it done properly; he said both he and his deputy were too busy to be on the ground every day; Mr. Howarth began the work under the specifications drawn by Mr. Kemble; the work went on very smoothly for about three weeks, or until the piers were about being built; Mr. Kemble was on the ground and said that the piers having been built with mortar and not cement would have to be torn down; he made that order, and the piers were demolished and rebuilt with cement; in regard to the continuous stone walls between the piers